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Applicant(s):	Vaartstra et al.)	Group Art Unit:	2815
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For:	DEVICE STRUCTURES INCLUDING RUTHENIUM SILICIDE DIFFUSION BARRIER LAYERS			

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed 10 January 2006. Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."